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## Arrivals.

February 17. SUDA, British steamer, 1,800.  
J. C. Babot, Bombay 28th. "Galla"  
1st February. Penang 7th, and Singa-  
pore 10th. General P. & O. S. N. Co.  
February 17. Young British steamer 550 t.  
Ashian, Foochow 14th. Amoy 15th.  
Santos 16th. General D. LAPRAIK  
& Co., 17th.

February 17. YOUNG, British steamer, 925 t.  
Hindustan 16th. February, Gome-  
val, Kowai Amoy 17th.

February 17. Robinson, Spanish str., 855 t.  
M. M. & Co., Manila 19th. Robinson, Gene-  
ral Vizcaya, Macau 20th.

February 17. Count, German, 1,087 t.  
Entwistle, Hainan 17th December.  
and Singapore. General STRAUSS &  
Co., 18th.

February 17. CHEN-TO, Chinese gun-boat,  
221. Robertson, Swatow 16th February.

## Departures.

February 17. Mrs. str., for Yokohama.

February 17. YUNG-CHING, str., for Canton.

February 17. DEMPSHIRE, for Bangkok.

February 17. DANSE, str., for Bangkok.

February 17. VALENTINE, for Bangkok.

February 17. THALAS, str., for Singapore and  
Calcutta.

February 17. NAMOA, str., for Saigon.

February 17. BOOMA, str., for Yokohama.

February 17. ST. PAUL, for Bangkok.

February 17. CHIN-KANG, str., for Swatow &  
Shanghai.

## Clearances.

At THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,

## February 17th.

Knowing, str., for East Coast.

Pearl, str., for Amoy.

Mason, str., for Saigon.

Darwin, str., for Bangkok.

Thales, str., for Singapore, &c.

## Passengers.

Arrived.

Per Sunda, str., for Bombay, &c. —

For Southampton — Capt. A. Baller and 2  
European male servants. Messrs. Pinell, W. C.  
Johnstone, H. R. Maynard, Surgeons A. H. Le  
Strange, and R. Morgan, from Bradis-  
ters. Messrs. L. Hughes and C. Kolord. From Ga-  
leas. Sister Ravill. From Penang — Chinese  
deck.

From Shanghai — W. J. Tucker.

From Southampton — Mr. W. S. Lockhart.

Per Tsoo, str., from East Coast —

Mr. and Mrs. Penney, child and European  
maid. Messrs. Gittens, Angus, Hockling, Has-  
kin, Austin, D. Arnoux, and Newdigate, 2  
Europeans.

For Formosa — Miss Manila —

1 Cabin and 14 seamen (crew of the ship  
Bunker Hill).

Per Yutong, str., from Swatow —

54 Chinese.

Per Foekia, str., from Hamburg, &c. —

Miss Quaedfeld, Miss Francke, Messrs. Heel  
and Ladige, and 2 Chinese.

Departed.

Per Kuangping, str., for East Coast —

4 Cabin and 150 Chinese.

Per Nomoa, str., for Saigon —

10 Chinese.

Per Denube, str., for Bangkok —

10 Chinese.

Per Thales, str., for Singapore, &c. —

36 Chinese.

## To Depart.

Per Pearl, str., for Amoy.

The following passengers proceed by the  
P. & O. Co.'s str. *Hyades* to-day at noon —

For Singapore — Hon. Chas. Alexander, Dr.

Morgan, R. N., Mr. J. F. Campbell, and 2 Chi-  
nese. From Bombay — Colonial Lime and serv-  
ants. Mr. J. J. Jaffray and servant. Fine  
gold and silver plate. Mr. J. J. Jaffray and serv-  
ants. Chinese funds. For Golds — Mr. Beauchamp  
Per Vico — Mr. Murray — For Hinckley —  
Lieut. Colonel Brown. For Southampton —  
Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, 2 children and servant.  
Mrs. Dunmore and child. Liens, Foster, Dr. W. H.  
J. Swan, R. N., and W. H. Daniell, Dr. W. H.  
Colman, Messrs. Brown, G. J. Brown, A.  
Woolard, Alex. Molson, Marsh, Baughin,  
and J. Gingell.

## Reports.

The Chinese gun-boat *Chen* reports left

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monsoon and clear weather.

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ship *Bunker Hill*, destroyed by fire in Manila.

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The Formosa difficulty belongs to the history of the past. It is over and done with, much to the satisfaction of the Government of Peking. But its lessons remain, and if they are not heeded by the Government they have at all events produced a lasting impression on the more thinking portion of the people of China. A proof of this fact is afforded by the appearance to-day in our columns of the translation of a letter addressed to the *Chung Ngu-Sun Po*, the Chinese *Daily Press*. The intelligent and thinking writer, after expressing the opinion that they cannot be the slightest doubt about the island of Formosa being Chinese territory, remarks that if properly fortified, it would greatly strengthen the position of China, and might be made to yield a large addition to the Imperial revenue. He then proceeds to give a description of the island, concerning which the majority of his countrymen probably know but little, and goes on to enumerate its varied and valuable productions. Regarding the production of tea, he asserts that if its cultivation is encouraged, there is no doubt it would take a firm stand in the tea market of Foochow. A considerable quantity is now exported from Tamsui, and is of excellent quality. But the letter is chiefly remarkable for the vigour with which the writer urges the Authorizes to form a Company to develop the resources of Formosa, to produce silk, and open up the mineral wealth lying buried in the soil. He is not sparing in his denunciations of the policy of the Government, and points out the obvious lesson the Japanese expedition should have taught it. How it, he asks, the Government do not take steps in the direction indicated—namely, the re-organisation of the army, the improvement in discipline of their troops, and the fortification of the coasts. He ends by again urging the desirability of opening up the mineral treasures of Formosa, and the encouragement of emigration from the populous cities of China for that purpose.It is seldom we find Chinamen boldly coming to the front, and venturing on a criticism of the actions of the authorities, and it is with great pleasure that we notice this spirited and outspoken effusion. The Press is slowly but surely becoming a recognised power in China. Ere long it may be a powerful political engine. The tea shops have hitherto been the places where political views have been expounded; the day is not far distant when they will be elucidated in the newspapers. The Chinese journals are most of them steadily increasing in circulation, and on the announcement of the death of the late Emerson, no fewer than 4,000 extra copies of the *Shan-pao* were sold in Shanghai. This is a sign of the times, and it is a healthy one. A bad and corrupt Government cannot exist long in the presence of a free and unbiased Press, and if the Chinese are educated to believe in progress their Government will be compelled either to move in the direction of popular opinion, or sink before it, and perish ignominiously. When the people become conscious of a need for material advancement, and actively demand re-

form, ill will fare the Government that dares to resist their wish. The Mikado of Japan has been in advance of and helped to educate his people in the road to improvement; and which no form of the Chinese of the Medway Steam Reserve at Chatham Dockyard, has been ordered to be brought forward for consideration, and all signs point to the same. The Chinese authorities will probably join in the China squadron.

Colonel T. W. Willard, O.B., of Royal Artillery, side-decked to the Queen, and Captain of the gunboat *Lancaster*, of the Royal Naval Association, died on the 31st ult. Colonel Willard was an officer of great scientific attainments, and his career in the army, thus prematurely closed, has been brilliant and remarkable. In 1842 he was actively engaged in the China campaign, being present at Ningpo, and the capture of the *Taku Forts*. While in China he was appointed to the command of a gunboat, and when the ill-fated Captain Braxton was taken prisoner by the enemy, and at the close of the campaign received, with his medal and clasp, the brevet rank of major.

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**MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.**

Before H. G. THOMAS, Esq., R.N.—

THE "TAMPA."

Edward Gordon, charged with the British bark *Tamoa*, chartered *Walter Blackett*, the master of the vessel, with bringing on board and unfit for duty on the 16th instant.

The prisoner admitted the offence, and was fined \$1, or one day's imprisonment.

**POLICE INTELLIGENCE.**

Before JAMES RUSSELL, Esq.—

A STREET FIRE.

Lee Atak and another were charged by Sixth constable 650 with fighting and creating a disturbance near the Sun Ping Theatre.

The prisoners were fined 50 cents each.

A FRIEND OF THIEVES.

Mr. A. Grey, Warden of the Victoria Gaol, charged Lee Achung, a night violinist, with giving prohibited articles to prisoners in that institution.

The prosecutor said, this morning at 6.15 the prisoner came into the Gaol with his buckets, when he was seen concealing opium and tobacco in a paper addressed Chow Alok.

The prisoner denied the charge, but a second class chow gang guardian named Douai, despatched to bring him drop it behind one of the class. He therefore fine \$1 or seven days' imprisonment.

A RAZOR AS CUSTOMER CRIMES.

The remanded case in which Ng Aching was charged by Inspector Birrell with being a suspicious character came on again.

The prisoner said he was formerly employed in the Canton Customs; since then he had been in the service of Captain Campbell, and had brought to notice many cases of smuggling from Yau Ma Tei.

He was at Capalong in a chandler's shop where he met his friend Wong Alok who mentioned the case of Tam Man Chu, the "single-eyed man." They left Capalong on the 31st January for Yau Ma Tei, Wong Alok was then thousands of feet from the level of the sea, and its top is covered with foggy cloud and snow all the year round. The Sin-a lake is about 200 feet deep; it is full of fishes, and the water is wholesome. The colony tea is the highest mountain in the island, it rises thousands of feet from the level of the sea, and its top is covered with foggy cloud and snow all the year round. The Sin-a lake is about 200 feet deep; it is full of fishes, and the water is wholesome. The colony tea is the highest mountain in the island, it rises thousands of feet from the level of the sea, and its top is covered with foggy cloud and snow all the year round. The Sin-a lake is about 200 feet deep; it is full of fishes, and the water is wholesome. 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